

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1872 without my signature.

While I support the goal of making evidence-based information available to assist in educating students with Autism Spectrum Disorders, this bill is premature. It is unclear whether private funding can be secured for this purpose, as required by the bill. Programs that are established in statute without consistent funding can establish the appearance of addressing an issue, but tend to provide marginal benefit in the long run.

Given the current fiscal situation, I encourage the author to work with the Department of Developmental Services in determining the best way to meet the objective within existing resources available.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger